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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 1998 in the above captioned patent application. A petition for two-month extension of the time period for response to the Office Action is made in the transmittal letter accompanying this paper. The fee for such two-month extension of time is authorized in the Transmittal Letter.

Information Disclosure Citations. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the citations identified in the Information Disclosure Citation filed by applicants on May 22, 1998. In that Information Disclosure Citation it was indicated that a translation would be obtained for each of two foreign language documents, specifically, German patent document DE 1,620,918B and Swiss patent document CH 581,493. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Citations is submitted herewith to provide the English language translations for those two citations.

Amended Declaration and Power of Attorney. The Examiner notes applicants' amendment to the specification, that this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/625,163. The Examiner suggests, however, that applicants submit an amended Declaration and Power of Attorney claiming benefit of U.S. Serial No. 08/625,163. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's suggestion and, while believing that the statutory and regulatory requirements for continuation-in-parts status have